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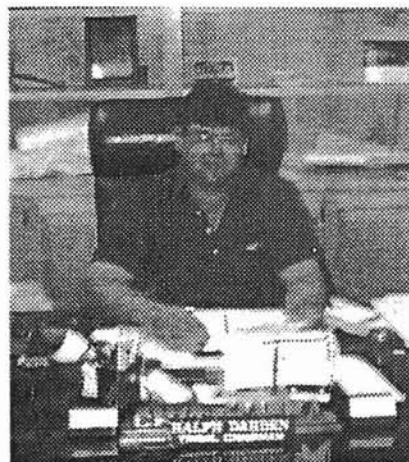
NEWSLETTER
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"SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA"

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:

I would like to thank those of you who came out to the general meeting on January 18th. Financial statements were presented to the audience as well as future plans for the enhancement of the reservation. For those of you who did not make it and are interested in the above topics, you may call my office at 923-7215 and we will be glad to bring you up to speed.



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

Mardi Gras

The Mardi Gras parade will be held on February 8th at 1 p.m. The route will change somewhat from last year in that we will begin the parade at the ball park and run in the opposite direction. Also, the floats will make two (2) rounds this year so that you may get a better view.

Veterans Affairs

The Tribal Council has been approached by Mr. Dewey Gauthier of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Mary Parish Unit in reference to volunteer drivers. The Department has recently acquired a van to transport veterans to the New Orleans Veterans hospital. The van runs five (5) days a week to New Orleans and volunteer drivers are needed. This service is provided to any veteran. In order to be a volunteer driver, you must: (1) hold a valid Louisiana drivers license, (2) provide proof of insurability and (3) watch a 30 minute training film. If you are interested you may contact Mr. Gauthier at 828-7255.

Congressional Update

As you all know, an attempt was made at the end of the last congress to tax Indian gaming, but it was taken out at the last minute. A lot of this action is owed to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians that spent nearly 700 thousand dollars on this

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"Kop's Korner"



News from the Chitimacha P.D.
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief

JANUARY 1997

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

To date, for the month of January 1997, no traffic citations have been issued and four arrests have been logged on charges ranging from theft to disturbing the peace intoxicated.

We would like to remind all children that received new bicycles for Christmas to come by the police department and have an officer register their bike for them.

BIKE SAFETY: WHAT'S YOUR SCORE? ARE YOU A PERFECT 10?

- Always wear a bike helmet! Choose one that fits snugly and sits flat atop the head. Use the extra padding that comes with the helmet to ensure proper fit. This padding can be removed as the child's head grows.
- See and be seen. Wear clothes that make you more visible.
- Avoid biking at night.
- Stay alert. Always look out for things that may get in your way.
- Go with the flow. The safe way is the *right* way.
- Check for traffic. Always be aware of the traffic around you.
- Learn the rules of the road. Obey traffic laws.

- Make sure your bike works properly.
- Always check your brakes before riding.
- Wheels should be securely fastened.

Bicycle helmets could reduce head injuries by 85 percent. So make sure you get a helmet with your new bike. You'd be out of your head not to!

"911...Please Hold"

The country's busiest hot line is giving some of us the busy signal--in communities all over the nation the calls keep coming and the lights never stop blinking. A fight. A suspected shoplifter. Junkies in an alley with a drug dealer. An elderly lady needing her pills. Police officials call it the "tyranny of 911"--the relentless drumbeat of calls that sends cops bouncing all over town like so many pinballs. The 911 system, which covers some 85 percent of the U.S. population, regularly works in heroic fashion. But the sheer volume of calls sometimes overwhelms 911 operators and phone lines, meaning desperate callers sometimes get a recording or are put on hold.

Like so many other problems, 911 started out as a solution. In 1967 a Presidential commission recommended that a single number be established nationwide for reporting emergencies. The first 911 call was made in Haleyville, Ala., in February 1968. Since then, the number of calls nationwide--summoning police, ambulances and fire departments--has mushroomed to an estimated 268,000 a day, or 98 million a year.

Meanwhile, the proliferation of cellular phones has created a host of new challenges. In 1994, they accounted for 18 million additional 911 calls. Cellular phones don't provide the caller's location and number the way calls from wire-line phones do. Panicked callers often have trouble describing their location, and hang-up calls can't be relocated. In addition, the routing technologies of cellular systems may send a call to the wrong dispatching center.

Another major problem with the system is that an increasing percentage of 911 calls do not fit anyone's definition of an emergency. As a result, life-threatening situations do

not always get the prompt attention they deserve. In some places 90 percent of the calls are for nonemergencies. People want to know kickoff times for football games or ask for directions to amusement parks. People will tell dispatchers that someone has a gun, even if it's not true, so police will respond more quickly. Such gamesmanship increases both police and citizen jeopardy.

Cops admit they're partly to blame because they sold 911 so aggressively, didn't teach the public how to use it and went out of their way to respond to all calls, emergency or not.

The larger questions are: how to wean the public off frivolous 911 calls, weed out nonemergencies, service the public in ways other than rapid response, and give cops more time to work with neighborhoods in really fighting crime. Research found that 50 to 90 percent of the calls in which officers are dispatched are not about crime. And rapid police responses led to arrests in only three percent of serious reported crimes. Nevertheless, in many cities, response time is still considered the test of a police department's effectiveness. People want quick responses, and the press often focuses on the issue. The result is that 911 dominates the operations of most of America's police departments. The more officers a department reserves to answer 911 calls, the swifter and more sure the emergency response, but the fewer people and less time left for doing anything else, such as foot patrol, neighborhood organizing, crime prevention and the like. Some police departments are trying different tactics to achieve a new goal and one of the approaches is to encourage community members to call their local law enforcement agency for nonemergency calls. Most police departments have nonemergency numbers, but they've rarely been marketed as aggressively because so much of the focus has been on 911.

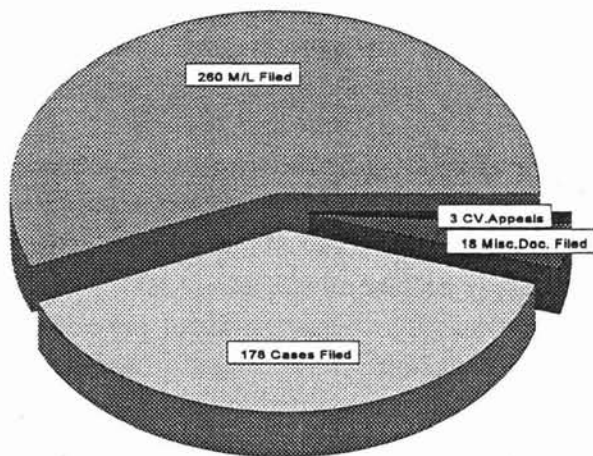
Cops agree they've got to find some way to break the tyranny of 911. But no one watching the blinking light thinks that will be easy. Since it's so easy to remember, people call 911 for anything.

**THE CHITIMACHA POLICE
DEPARTMENT--923-4964--24
HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK**

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

From: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

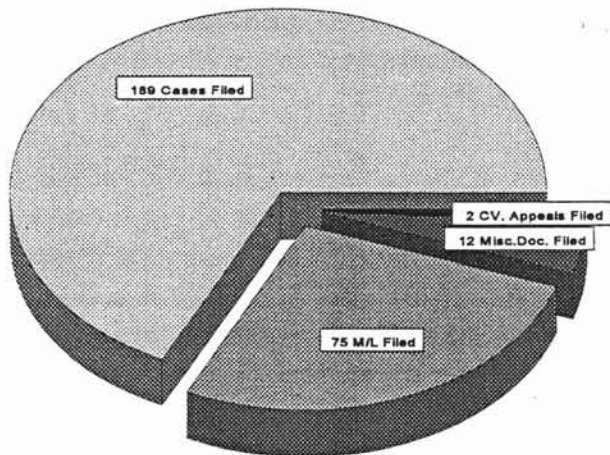
1996 ANNUAL STATISTICS



TOTAL OF 459 ACTIONS PROCESSED

1996 once again reflected a continued growth in the utilization of the Tribal Court System. On The **Trial Court** level a total of **178 Cases** were filed; in the **Recordation Division** a total of **260 Mortgages and Liens** and **18 Miscellaneous Documents** were filed; in the **Court of Appeals** **2 Civil Cases** went forward.

IN COMPARISON WITH 1995 STATS



TOTAL OF 278 ACTIONS PROCESSED

A further sign of growth is the fact that we now have a total of **80 Attorneys** and **3 Lay Advocates** enrolled to practice in the Tribal Courts.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

As of **January 22, 1997** there have been a total of **11 cases** filed for the month of January; **9 Civil Actions** (6 Garnishments/ 2 Judgment Debtor Rules/ 1 Petition for Damages); **1 Juvenile** and **2 Domestic Relations**.

CASES PENDING AS OF JANUARY 1, 1997:

Tribal Court:

- 17 - Civil (11 Torts/5 Judg. Debtor/1 Dom. Relief)
- 01- Criminal
- 02- Domestic
- 02 - Juvenile
- 09 - Traffic

Tribal Appellate Court:

- 01 - Civil Tort Action

COURT SESSIONS:

Our monthly Tribal Court session for January was held on January 8, 1997, at which time **20 cases** were scheduled to be heard;

1 Juvenile (Initial Hearing); 3 Domestic Actions (Petitions For Divorce); 1 Regular Civil Complaints (Initial Hearing and Trial); 5 Judgment Debtor Rules; 1 Rule for Protective Orders and 9 Civil Traffic Infractions.

A Special Tribal Court Session conducted on January 21, 1997 at which time a Judgment Debtor Rule was heard. Additionally, there is another Special Session scheduled for January 29, 1997 at which time a Criminal Trial will be conducted.

Our next regularly scheduled Tribal Court Session is February 12, 1997 with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

TRIBAL COURT OF APPEALS:

The First two opinions rendered by the Tribal Court of Appeals, on which are seated; Honorable Edward A. dela Houssaye, as Chief Judge and the Honorable C. Thomas Bienvenu and Honorable P. J. LaBorde, as Associate Judges, have been cited in the Indian Law Reporter, a Case Law publication by the American Indian Lawyer Training Program, Inc. The Indian Law Reporter consists of not only Tribal Court opinions, but also U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. District Courts; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; State Courts and Miscellaneous Proceedings regarding Indian Country. Since approximately 1995 the Indian Law Reporter is also included in West Law a computer accessed legal research program offered by West Publishing nation wide.

Special Congratulations !!!!!

To Patricia Martin, our Deputy Clerk on the birth of her new baby daughter, "**Katie Alexis**".

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Court, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

News from the Charenton/Chitimacha Fire Dept.

By: Sheryl Sinitiere, Fire Chief

The year 1996 saw the men and women of the Charenton/Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department answer many calls for assistance in our community, as well as increase their knowledge and skills through increased training.

Your fire department responded to 187 emergency incidents last year. The types of emergencies handled included structural fires, vehicle and grass/trash fires, hazardous materials incidents, and emergency medical calls, including 100 medical emergencies at Cypress Bayou Casino.

Members of the fire department dedicated many hours to increasing their knowledge and skills, in order to provide a more effective and efficient emergency response. In 1996, 1,189 hours of training were completed, which was an increase of nearly 100% over the 609 hours completed in 1995. Some special courses attended were:

- ▶ Pump Operation I: Bill Stelly
- ▶ Emergency Medical First Responder: Archie Vilcan, Eddie Brown and Randal Thibodeaux.
- ▶ Emergency Medical First Responder Refresher: Vickie Stelly, Bill Stelly, Kenneth Perry, Wade Clements, and Rick Cook.
- ▶ Automated External Defibrillator: Bill Stelly, Vickie Stelly, Kenneth Perry, Eddie Brown, Wade Clements, and Rick Cook.

Special recognition goes out to Firefighter Eddie Brown, for being the member who achieved the most training hours. Firefighter Brown completed 217 hours in 1996.

The preparation for many upcoming changes and improvements for the fire department took place in 1996. Funds were secured for the purchase of a new combination Ladder/Pumper truck, a Rescue Truck, a 2000 gallon water tanker, as well as additions to the existing fire station that will accommodate these increased resources, all of which will take place in 1997.

Also, near the end of 1996, the fire department added the services of two (2) paid firefighters to it's staff. These and many more improvements, not only in equipment but also in training and operations that will take place in the future, all move towards the goal of lowering the insurance rating of our response area, thereby saving local residents money on their property insurance premiums.

The most important goal, however, is to ultimately be accomplished by the fire department is the improvement in the protection of the lives and property of the people of our community and the surrounding area. The goal of protecting your life is a team effort, between the fire department, your family, and yourself. Because the fire department can only save that which is not already lost when we arrive on scene, we need your help. You need to prepare **NOW** for a fire in your home. About 4,000 Americans die in home fires every year, that is nearly 11 a day. You need to plan your escape **NOW**! First of all, you need to install smoke detectors in your home, and keep them in working order. You can't escape a fire if you don't know it is there. Next, sit down with your family and make a step-by-step plan for escaping a fire in your home. Identify two ways out of every room, and make sure that everyone in the home can unlock and open all doors and windows quickly. Agree on a meeting place outside, where everyone should go so that you may count heads and inform the fire department if someone is trapped inside the burning building. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

In the event of an actual fire, feel doors for heat before opening them, if the door is warm or hot, do not open it, use your second way out. When escaping the fire, crawl low under the smoke, cleaner air will be near the floor. Once you are outside, do not go back for any reason. If people are trapped, the firefighters have the best chance of rescuing them. They have the training, experience, and protective equipment needed to enter a burning building.

Remember...

"FIRE WON'T WAIT - PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!"

Should you have any questions, or need any assistance from your fire department, you may contact us by stopping by the fire station or calling 923-4326, and in case of a fire or other emergency, dial 911. Thank you and stay safe!!!

Chitimacha Recreation

1997 has started with a bang. Aerobics is in full swing with a 'packed housed' on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Great job ladies! Keep up the great work. You're looking good.

Mirrors have been added to the Fitness Center. Exercisers can observe and improve movement techniques. Also added to the center is the Schwinn WindJammer, to improve upper body fitness. Come in and try it out.

The new year has also brought a new beginning for basketball at Chitimacha. 70 kids are participating in a developmental league to teach fundamentals. This league allows a large number of kids to participate with plenty of playing time and also teaches fundamentals to allow them to move up to competition play at a later time. Boys and girls ages 6 through 14 are playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:00 to 7:30. Even though our younger players may not be able to reach the goal, they learn the basics and movement up and down the court. Volunteers including faculty and parents are helping out to make the league possible. Everyone working together will make a difference for our kids and community. Mrs. Phyllis Darden and Mr. Todd LeBlanc did a great job with the refereeing. Thank-you for your help. Come out, watch and cheer for the kids.

Chitimacha Tribal School participated in the "Hoop Shoot", a Drug Free sponsored activity. All our kids in Physical Education participated in the 25 free throw contest. Our category winners were: Jake Darden (8-9), Chelsey Cook (8-9), Grant LaGarde (10-11), Morgan Martin (10-11), Jacob Darden (12-13), Beth Toups (12-13). These winners will advance to the parish contest on February 1st, at Franklin Junior High.

Chitimacha runners are back in training for Spring races. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 they will be running through the subdivision. Please be on the look-out!

Golf is in the plans for the spring. If you are interested and have access to clubs, give us a call at the Fitness Center and we'll get started as soon as we can.

The Recreation Department is excited about all the support and participation in the program. Your commitment to wellness will produce positive results.

Child Search

If you know of any handicapped individuals between the ages of 0 - 21 years of age who are not receiving educational services, contact Ms. Lee Ann LeBlanc, Special Education Teacher, Rebecca Martin, Program Specialist, or Dr. David Bass, Principal at the Chitimacha Tribal School, 923-9960.

What is a good reason to call?

A child may have:

- ▶ a very low birth weight
- ▶ a genetic condition
- ▶ dropped out of school

A child may have trouble:

- ▶ talking
- ▶ seeing
- ▶ hearing
- ▶ moving
- ▶ thinking

What happens next?

With the consent of the parent(s), the Tribal School system will arrange for a complete evaluation. If the individual is handicapped and in need of special services, the parent(s) and the local school system personnel will make decisions together, taking into account the age and the needs of the individual in order to provide a free, appropriate education for Native Americans.

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effort. It was only a bandaid for a short period of time because as Congress began this year, Congressman Solomon of New York introduced not only a bill to tax Indian gaming at 34%, but also another bill to turn Indian gaming over to the states. The battle begins over again but this time it will be around for a longer time since it was initiated at the beginning of Congress. This will be a very hot item that USET will be discussing at Impact Week in Washington D.C. beginning on February 3rd.

Until Next Month!!!



ANNOUNCEMENT

1997 MISS CHITIMACHA NATION AND MISS JUNIOR CHITIMACHA NATION PAGEANT

June 13, 1997

A pageant will be held in order to choose two female role models to represent the Tribe at various Chitimacha and intertribal events and functions.

RULES

- Must be a member of the Chitimacha Tribe
- Miss Chitimacha Nation contestants must be 17-21 years of age
- Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation must be 14-16 years of age
- Must be single, never married with no children
- Must be in traditional Chitimacha regalia/ dress
- Must attend two orientation sessions about the pageant, their role and responsibilities

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Chitimacha traditional regalia/ dress
- Knowledge of tribal history, traditional values, principles, customs, and traditions
- Some knowledge about the history of Indian peoples in this country and issues affecting Indian people past and present
- Answers to personal view questions
- Poise and presentation
- School academic standing
- Extra curricular activities and hobbies
- Ability to promote Indian America and reflect goodwill

The Chitimacha Cultural and Historical Research and Development Department will assist contestant preparation. This will be a good learning experience for all those who participate. We extend a warm, enthusiastic invitation and welcome.

Pageant Entry Form For Miss Chitimacha Nation and Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation

(Deadline: April 30,1997)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Educational Background: 1.) Please identify the school you currently attend or if not currently in school, the last school attended. 2.) High school graduation date. 3.) Current or last overall grade average.

Extra Curricular Activities and Hobbies:

Return this form to:

located at: Chitimacha Cultural and Historical Research and Development Department
Senior-Youth Center
Chitimacha Tribal School Compound
Phones: (318-923-4395 or 318-923-9923)

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb. 3, 1997 Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Salad, Rolls and Banana Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 4, 1997 Beef Stew, Rice, Corn, Jello and Rolls Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 5, 1997 Groundmeat Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Cracker Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 6, 1997 Lima Beans, Rice, Pork Chops, Cabbage, Rolls and Cherry Pie Activity: Shopping Trip	Feb. 7, 1997 Potato Stew, Rice, Sausage, Biscuits and Brownies
February 10, 1997 Meatloaf, Cheese Potatoes, Corn, Rolls and Orange Surprise Activity: Lil Bingo	February 11, 1997 Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Appetizer and Cup Cakes	Feb. 12, 1997 Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Rolls and Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 13, 1997 Beef Roast, Blackeye Peas, Rice, Candid Yams, Green Beans, Rolls and Pie Activity: Shopping Trip	Feb. 14, 1997 Shrimp Stew, Rice, Salad, Rolls and Cake Activity: Valentine Party
Feb. 17, 1997 OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY	Feb. 18, 1997 White Beans, Rice, Smothered Steak, Corn, Rolls and Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 19, 1997 Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Cabbage, Rolls and Cake Activity: Regular Bingo	Feb. 20, 1997 Smothered Corn, Rice, Beef Roast, Salad, Rolls and Pie Activity: Shopping Day	Feb. 21, 1997 Tuna Fish Sandwiches, Chips, Salmon Patties and Brownies
Feb. 24, 1997 Chicken Stew, Rice, Beet Salad and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 25, 1997 Baked Turkey, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Rolls and Orange Surprise Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 26, 1997 Meatloaf, Parsley Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Rolls and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Feb. 27, 1997 Pork Chops, Rice, Corn, White Beans, Rolls and Cake	Feb. 28, 1997 Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Veggies and Fruit

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Lydia Darden 2nd.	Hazel Bernard 16th.	Nick Stouff 26th
Lou Martin 10th.	Howard Mora, Sr. 17th.	
Ester Vilcan 15th.	Peter Mora, Sr. 19th	

Happy Birthday To All Of You!!! Wish You Have Many More!!!

Gentle Reminders



ALTERNATE RESOURCE/REGISTRATION

By: Angie Martin

It has become quite a task to keep information on IHS clients accurate and up-to-date in our computer systems. I would appreciate your help in providing us with any changes in insurance, address or phone number as soon as you can. I also need to know when there is a change in Medicaid for those of you who are using that program. Thank you for your help!

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/INJURY PREVENTION

By: Lou Martin

There are a few houses on the Reservation who do not have numbers on them. The fire department has two new employees that are not familiar with the area. Numbers on the house would really help in the case of an emergency such as fire, ambulance or police. Numbers should be large enough and placed where they can be seen from the road.

CONTRACT MEDICAL CARE

By: Madeline Phelps

Please inform your doctor, hospital/other provider if you have insurance, Medicare or Medicaid coverage. The office staff will make a copy of your card to assure your medical bills are filled properly.

If you do not have other coverage and Chitimacha Health Services (IHS) is responsible for charges, inform provider to bill Chitimacha Health Services at P. O. Box 640, Charenton. Please inform the Health Department when you become Medicare eligible.

Dr. Deshotel will be here Thursday, January 30th.

Next month, a feature on cholesterol, that everyone should read!

CULTURAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY: Kimberly S. Walden

Hi! I'm Kimberly Soprano Walden, the new Cultural Education Director. I am a Chitimacha Tribal member and lifelong resident of the Chitimacha Reservation. I have a Bachelors degree in Education, 1-8 and am presently attaining a Master's in Education: Guidance and Counseling. I am trained in Cultural Curriculum development through the University of Oklahoma, American Indian Institute, and have taught at the Chitimacha Tribal School for four (4) years.

Also hired was Carolyn Burgess Savage, the new Cultural Representative. Carolyn is a Tribal member who resides on the Chitimacha Reservation with two of her three daughters. She worked in 1993-94 at the Chitimacha Tribal School with the Title V Program.

Please feel free to drop in our office and visit. We are open to ideas on anything pertaining to the Cultural Program.

We want to thank the community for coming to see the Boy Scout's Explorer Troop's dance and drum demonstration. We hope to see the same enthusiasm when the Cultural Department organizes such activities. We would also like to thank Nikina Vilcan, Nicole Clements and Jules Darden for dancing and representing our Tribe at the Boy Scouts Demonstration.

Those of you who had the opportunity to attend the general meeting and the dance demonstration may have noticed the new Tribal flag. This flag will be proudly displayed in front of all Tribal buildings on the reservation. On the flag you will see the Sacred Cypress Tree of the Chitimacha, a ceremonial pipe centered in front of the tree symbolizing peace, the sun rising in the east to greet the new day, the bears earring design surrounding the inner circle, four (4) eagle feathers representing the four directions and the words "The Sovereign Nation of the Chitimacha", all on a royal blue background.

Within the next few weeks, weather permitting, students in grades 6-8 will be going on an Archaeological Field Trip organized by the Cultural Department to Opelousas. Dr. Chip McGimsey of USL's Archaeological Department will

be demonstrating excavation techniques and examining artifacts recovered at the historical European site. This will be an educational as well as enjoyable experience for our children.

We are continuing to plan for our 1997 Miss Chitimacha Nation Pageant. The Pageant Committee will meet this Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. Any young ladies between the ages of 14-16 and 17-21 are encouraged to enter. Requirements are as follows:

Enrolled Tribal member

- 1) Single, never married, no children
- 2) Currently attends high school or has completed high school or has received GED

Contestants must be willing to attend Cultural education sessions and be willing to make their own traditional Chitimacha outfits.

Sewing volunteers are needed to assist with these traditional outfits. We are also interested in Chitimacha Tribal members who do free hand beadwork and are willing and able to take on the responsibility for making crowns for this year's winners. If interested, please bring beadwork samples and bids to the Cultural Department by 11:30 a.m. on February 14th.

We have some very exciting news about the Chitimacha language. Tribal Council has approved the hiring of linguistic expert Julian Granberry of Florida, who has been studying our language for over thirty (30) years. Julian speaks Chitimacha fluently. Sources of his study were the recordings of Benjamin Paul and Delphine Decloux, which were recorded on the reservation by Swanton in the early 1930's, as well as written documentation pertaining to these interviews.

Julian has sent us an introductory booklet entitled "Learning Chitimacha: An Outline of Chitimacha Grammar". Also, included was a cassette where Julian speaks the words from the booklet in Chitimacha and in English. The Cultural Department is in the process of making copies of the booklet and tape for mail-out to every Chitimacha household. This will give all Tribal members the opportunity to learn their language. Please be patient. We will try our best to get these out to you as soon as possible.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

By: Melanie Marcotte

Many small and isolated attacks against the Chitimacha continued from where we left off last month in our history telling. We ended in the year 1709 with the French having made alliances with the Houmas, Chaouachas and the Bayougoulas. Not only were the Chitimacha defending themselves and their families from the French attacks but also from the Tribes listed above. One such battle was well documented. This was a battle from another Tribe in alliance with the French against the Chitimacha, the Cha'hta. "The Cha'htas on mounds and on buttes, their women and their children in war placed on buttes they placed there, of mounds on the top they concealed them; on wood floating down stream ascended on the top and fires built their women. Their children, their women they removed and concealed to warfare when they intended, their women and their children they removed and hid. On Bayou Lafourche the Cha'hta Indians there here to kill when wanted, at Ile du Cypre wood floating down upon having crossed on logs, the Shetimashas fought, whipping put to flight the Cha'hta." This was a translation from Chitmacha into English from a very old historical document. Translated it will read like this: "The Cha'htas on mounds and buttes (an isolated, steep hill) had their women and children hide there where they could be concealed. On wood the Cha'htas floated down stream, while the women and children built fires to distract the Chitimachas, making them think that the Cha'htas warriors were actually up on the hill. The Cha'hta had attacked the Chitimacha at Bayou Lafourche. But the Chitimacha at Ile du Cypre (Cyprermort Point) were prepared to battle against the Cha'htas there. The Chitimacha outsmarted the Cha'htas, by floating down on logs and surprising the Cha'htas, whipping and putting to flight the Cha'htas." They used their own tactics against them. Many more battles amongst the French and their Indian allies ensued for nine more years before the French/Chitimacha war was finally ended in the year 1718.

From the Penicaut narrative the following is taken. "In the year 1718, M. de Beinville received a letter from Dubisson, who was in control of the MM. Paris concession (fort) which was located on the banks of the

Mississippi. In this letter he pointed out that he was not free of danger on his concession (fort) as long as the French were at war with the savage nation named the Chetimachas, who daily came in war parties to the neighborhood of his concession (fort); and he stated that, if his men went out ever so little, they were daily in danger of seizure or death, as had already happened to two of his men and that they were forced to hold themselves with weapons in hand night and day, which prevented them from working at their concession (fort). Acting upon this information, Beinville sent Penicaut alone among the Chetimachas to talk to their chief and persuade him to make peace with the French, as Penicaut spoke Chetimacha." Penicaut located three Chetimachas not far from their village and spoke with them and explained that Beinville had ordered him to go to their chief for the purpose of making peace between them and the French. The Chetimacha men were glad to learn this news, because as long as the Chetimacha had been at war with the French, the Indian tribes allied with them had continued with raids against them; killing many of their people. The three Chetimacha men went with Penicaut to the Paris concession (fort) and spoke with Dubuisson. He gave them some presents to take to their chiefs and some food for their trip, requesting that they come back in ten days with their chiefs answer. Ten days later the three Chetimachas returned and informed Penicaut that the Grand Chief, with his wife and forty Chetimachas, were waiting at a place not far from where they were to speak with Penicaut. When he got to the bank of the river where the Chief and the Chetimachas were, there was a dreadful shout, which frightened Penicaut. But he soon realized that it was a shout of joy, as the Grand Chief of the Chetimachas received him with perfect manners and told him that it would give him and all his nation great pleasure to make peace with the French. Penicaut told the Chief that to make peace the Chetimachas would have to meet Beinville near New Orleans to sing their calumet of peace. The Chief agreed and they travelled downstream, staying there a week while awaiting the reply of Beinville.

NEXT MONTH: THE ACTUAL CEREMONY AND SPEECH MADE BY THE CHIEF WHICH ENDS THE WAR IN 1718.

STUDENT AID PROGRAM NEWS

By: Ardith Soprano, Scholarships Director

Scholarship News:

The Spring 1997 semester has begun. The Student Aid Program has a total of 36 program participants. Of this number:

6 are attending Graduate or Professional School 2 are attending Vocational / Technical School 28 are attending college I would like to wish each student the best of luck for a successful semester. If you need assistance, please feel free to call.

Program Guidelines:

The Student Aid Guidelines have been approved! Each participant will be supplied with a copy of the new guidelines as soon as possible. If you live on or near the Reservation, you will be asked to come by my office to pick up your copy. This will save on postage cost to this program. I will contact each of you when the Guidelines are ready for distribution.

Program Requirements:

It is now the responsibility of each program participant to adhere to the Scholarship Program's documentation requirements. Each semester, students are required to:

1. Submit tuition receipt - within 10 working days of tuition payment.
2. Submit class schedule - within 10 working days of the start of the semester.
3. Receipts for books/supplies - if requested.
4. SAR - to be submitted for the Academic Year.
5. Grade report - at the end of each semester.

Students who fail to provide the above documents will be jeopardizing their program eligibility. They may also be required to return their Scholarship / Grant funding.

Scholastic Achievement Award:

Each year, the Student Aid Program presents the Scholastic Achievement Award to one of our Program Participants. This award is presented in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Feast.

The winner of the award is determined by the Scholarship Committee. This year's winner is Pamela Darden who is the daughter of O'Neil and Connie Darden. Pam is currently a senior at Northeast Louisiana University majoring in Pharmacy.

CONGRATULATIONS, PAM!!!!

As indicated in her application essay, Pam views higher education as a challenge and as an issue for both now and the future. She also feels that younger minds should be equally challenged and encouraged, for without a solid educational foundation at the lower level, higher education is not possible.

Once again, Congratulations!!!!

GED Program

The GED Program is being held in the Chitimacha Day School on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The hours are from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

If you are registered, please try to attend on a regular basis. Thus far, we have had three of our students pass the GED exam and we are awaiting the results of the exam on one more student. Your attendance is necessary in order to keep the program going!!!

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb. 3, 1997 Breakfast Grits, Boiled Eggs, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos Lettuce- Tomatoes, Corn, Spanish Rice, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 4, 1997 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 5, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 6, 1997 Breakfast French Toast, Ham Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Pizza Pockets, Salad, Jello, Cake, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 7, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Roast Beef Po-Boy, Sandwich Fixin, Cookie, Fruit & Milk
Feb. 10, 1997 Off Mardi Gras	Feb. 11, 1997 Off Mardi Gras	Feb. 12, 1997 Off Mardi Gras	Feb. 13, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti, Sweet Peas, Beets, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 14, 1997 Breakfast Donuts, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Fish Nuggets, Parsley Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk
Feb. 17, 1997 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Sausage On Po-Boy Bun, Lettuce & Tomato, Tator Tots Fruit & Milk	Feb. 18, 1997 Breakfast Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili Fitos, Lettuce & Tomato, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 19, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Oven Fried Chicken, Spaghetti w/Cheese, Salad, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 20, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Sloppy Joes, Salad, French Fries, Cookie, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 21, 1997 Breakfast Donuts, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Etouffe, Green Beans, Jello, Roll, Fruit & Milk
Feb. 24, 1997 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs w/Rice, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham, White Beans w/Rice, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 25, 1997 Breakfast Waffle, Ham Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Hamburgers, Chips, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 26, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Stew/Gumbo, Potato Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 27, 1997 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Buddies, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chips, Rice Dressing, Pork n/ Beans, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	Feb. 28, 1997 Breakfast Pancakes, Juice & Milk Lunch Tuna Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Cookie, Fruit & Milk

Hey La Ba!!!
Have a Happy Mardi Gras!!!



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to our Deputy Clerk

Patricia Martin

on the birth of her new

baby daughter

“Katie Alexis”

